

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

✓ Please CANCEL claim 2 and AMEND claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A sales method for selling a literary work using a sale device, ~~said sale device communicating with a purchaser device via a network~~, comprising: selling the literary work to a purchaser using a computer based sales device to communicate over a communication network with the purchaser at a computer based purchaser device;

associating information about the literary work and information about a purchaser that has purchased said literary work; and

providing said associating information via the network, and wherein the literary work is sold per units of rights based on a copyright of the literary work.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The sales method according to claim 12, wherein the information about the purchaser is provided per units of the sold rights.

4. (currently amended) The sales method according to claim 12, further comprising: notifying a seller of the literary work of rights based on the copyright corresponding to a type of the literary work; and obtaining from the seller information about the right to be sold, from the notified rights.

5. (original) The sales method according to claim 1, wherein the information about the purchaser is provided to an arbitrary person.

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